Recreation Plan for Vigo County Parks Is Outlined

By JACK A. HUGHES

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A comprehensive, county-wide, community recreation plan is the subject of a study prepared by two Indiana State University recreation field work students employed with the Vigo County Park & Recreation Board this past summer.

Prepared for academic purposes, rather than as a sponsored proposal for local government consideration, the plan draws on the actual experience of community schools-parks recreation programs elsewhere as well as on the experience and imagination of its student authors, Curtis L. Crittendon and David L. Lawrence.

Lawrence was the first field work student employed by the county park department under an agreement initiated between the department and ISU last spring.

Crittendon, already employed in the department's maintenance program and also an ISU student, accepted the opportunity to join Lawrence in the field work program for the experience and academic benefits.

Throughout the summer, the two young men worked closely with department Supt. David Beres, who, when asked to suggest a written survey they might undertake, observed that a new study of the unified recreation program concept could prove worthwhile.

Looking over the completed 55-page program proposal recently, Beres said, "They did a good job," pointing to the manner in which elements of the proposal were supported with documentation from numerous park and recreation departments and commissions across the country.

The county park superintendent went on to say that the combined city-county park and recreation concept probably will become a reality here, although it may be years away. "It will just have to come," Beres said, observing that the situation can be compared to the establishment of the county-wide Health Department several years ago.

The name for that future amalgamation of city and county recreation efforts chosen by Lawrence and Crittendon in their study is "A Proposed Recreation Program for the Terre Haute Metropolitan Park District."

The heart of the proposal is termed the "School-Park Concept" in which recreation centers, in the form of schools, already built, are provided by the school system with year-round operation of programs provided by community recreation department personnel and volunteers.

The study forward reports, "The school-park concept used in the planning of this program was used because of the ideal location of schools available for recreation centers. These programs are aimed at providing balanced activities with necessary facilities to reach the greatest possible number of citizens. It is hoped that this program will afford an opportunity for the individual or group to act in situations which are physically wholesome, mentally stimulating and socially sound."

Crittendon and Lawrence wrote to recreation units in approximately 100 communities for information on their operations. The study reports, "This information was sorted and divided into numerous sections to give an idea of what each had to offer, when, how often, at what cost, what age, how long, etc. The planning on use of the 'school' part of this concept was strictly to illustrate advantages to be gained if this program were incorporated into the city of Terre Haute's present recreation program for the summer, fall and winter months."

The school-park concept currently is being used in several Indiana cities, ie.: Kokomo, Marion, South Bend, Columbus, and Gary, according to Beres. Other communities employing that concept in other states from which material contributed to the local study, include Flint, Mich.; Allen Park, Mich.; Park Forest, Ill.; Decatur, Ill., and Baltimore, Md.

In support of the school-park concept, the plan authors advise, "They (school buildings) are centrally located in areas where there is need of recreation centers . . ." Noted further is the opinion that existing facilities, such as school buildings, ". . . should be utilized during the summer months to save tax money by full-time use through planned programs."

Beres says, however, that significant tax reduction will not likely if, and when, such a plan is implemented. What will happen, he suggests, is, "We'll get more for our money," commenting further "There is so much to be done — and so much interest in recreation on the part of the federal government — more money will be spent." He adds, "But a lot of it will be federal and state money," pointing out that such assistance is already an important part of current park and recreation development and planning here.

A copy of the study by Lawrence and Crittendon is on file in the County Park & Recreation Department office in the Courthouse.

Vigo Co. Park Board (T.H. Parks)

Johnston Names County Parks, Recreation Board

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By JACK A. HUGHES

The long awaited establishment of a Vigo County Department of Parks and Recreation was completed Monday with the appointment by Circuit Court Judge H. Ralph Johnston of four Vigo residents to the five-member Vigo County Park Board.

Stating that he was sure the board members can work together to "create something we can be proud of," Judge Johnston named Maynard Niemeyer of RR 3, Jack R. Wood of RR 6, Spoke Hazen of 3051 S. 11½ St. and Mrs. R. L. Winklepleck of 107 Berkeley Dr. to the board. The fifth member will be John D. Zerr, agricultural agent, representing the federally operated Vigo County Cooperative Extension Service.

The appointments were announced in Judge Johnston's chambers at the Courthouse in the presence of the four court-appointed members and several interested citizens and county officials including Board of County Commissioners President Harry P. Brentlinger, who has long urged the formation of a recreation department and worked toward that end for a number of years, Commissioner Joe Silcock, and members of news media.

Niemeyer, appointed to a four-year term on the board, was described by the judge as "the only man I know who has his own park in which he has raised deer and other wild life." Judge Johnston went on to mark the dedicated interest in outdoor recreation and conservation shown for many years by all of the appointees.

The judge noted that as an executive of a large local trucking firm, Niemeyer would represent the interests of "one of the larger taxpayers in the community."

Wood, a civil enginer with special knowledge of the requiremnts of construction and design that might be required in the developemnt of the county park program was named to a three-year term. He also has served as Izaak Walton League president for two years. Judge Johnston also referred to the fact that a park located in another community was named for an antecedent of Wood's, who had donated land for the park and commented that apparently a devotion to parkland ran in the Wood family.

Represents Sportsmen

Hazen, "recognized by mere mention of his name both in Vigo County and elsewhere as a longtime sports and camping enthusiast," as the judge observed, was appointed to the two-year term on the board especially to see to the interests of the hunter, fisherman and camper.

To represent the women of to her long association with con- Vigo County, and in deference servation and garden groups as well as interest in outdoor beautification, Mrs. Winklepleck was named to serve on the board during its first year of operation. Judge Johnston noted that she served on the first committee for highway beautification in Maryland while a resident of that state.

The judge also remarked that many names had been suggested for the board and nominated by members of the County Council. He said that he met with the council and the selections made were unanimously agreed upon. He noted that many of the others suggested might serve equally well, but that the final determination, he thought, was in a group that could work effectively and with restraint in the matter of Park Board powers in the development of the county recreation program.

Powers to initiate bonded indebtedness for the county and to the right of eminent domain granted by the legislation under which the board was formed were the source of two strong arguments against it.

Objections were overcome in a County Council meeting of Nov. 5 which saw the program approved by an ordinance calling for the establishment of the board. The ordinance outlined the membership of the board to include four court-appointed members and an ex-officio member representing the office of the county agent administrator.

The new board was expected to conduct an organizational meeting and plan for a later announcement of initial projects in the development of the park and recreation program.

At least two possible park sites are available for the program: one large lake site in the southern part of the county given to the county by the Peabody Coal Co. several years ago, and another 20-acre tract of land in the northern part of the county.

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Niemeyer Head Of Park Board

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Maynard Niemeyer has been elected president of the new Vigo County Park and Recreation Board appointed last month by Vigo Circuit Judge H. Ralph Johnston.

The five-member board held its first meeting this week at Niemeyer's home in Sugar Creek Township. Other officers for the year are Jack Wood, vice president, and Mrs. Richard Winklepleck, secretary. Spoke Hazen and John D. Zerr, ex-officio member, who represents the Vigo County Cooperative Extension Service, complete the makeup of the board.

Richard Molby, chief of the community recreation section of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, met with the board to explain the duties and operation of the new department.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Feb. 14.

Vigo Co. PARK REC BOARD

Vigo Co. Recreation

Vigo Recreation Director Named

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By MARY ANNE PIERCE

Richard D. Norris has been named director of Vigo County parks and recreation. Announcement of his appointment was made Monday morning at a press conference held by members of the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board at the Terre Haute House.

Norris, 31, a 1958 graduate of Indiana University, with a B.S. degree in recreation, comes to Vigo County from Clinton, Iowa, where he served as director of the Clinton Recreation Commission.

He has also served as director of parks and recreation, Beaver Dam, and Port Washington, Wis., and as a YMCA counselor in Minneapolis, Minn.

Norris stated that he is "very pleased to be named to the Vigo County position." He feels that the job will be quite a challenge, as it is a new department with many plans and ideas.

Seeks Federal Funds

He stated that he hopes to have a park completed in the near future, but will proceed with caution in order to take full advantage of federal funds available for such an undertaking.

He and his wife, Pat, who also holds a degree in recreation, are in the process of locating in the Kenwood Lake area, near the west edge of the county. They have two children, Randy 8; and Laurie, 6.

The Vigo County Park and Recreation Board has been functioning for one year. Jack R. Wood serves as president with Spoke Hazen, vice president; Mrs. R. L. Winklepleck, secretary; Ruel Fox Burns Sr., board member, and John Zerr, who is an ex-officio officer from the county extension office.

The board is concerned with recreational development in the county, excluding the city of Terre Haute and Harrison Township. The board is working under a present budget set up by the County Council, with future plans of obtaining federal funds. There are nine funds available to the county, some with a 90-10 per cent Federal city participation, others divided 50-50 by the government and the city.

Survey Under Way

Recreation Resource Evaluation Survey has been under way in the county since January. Ned Funkhouser has been working with the board to form a plan acceptable to state park plan requirements. The survey is being made with the assistance of the extension office, local Soil Conservation Service and the Department of Outdoor Resources.

The board hopes to incorporate into its future recreational plan, a 140 acre lake in Linton Township, now owned by the county commissioners. The lake is located one mile south and 1½ miles east of Stuckey's on Highway 41.

The lake is not acceptable to qualify for federal aid as yet.

The Prairie Creek Watershed, now under construction, is being considered by the board as an area for camping, nature study, hiking, bike riding, and other outdoor activities. The development will be similar to other Indiana state parks, with a possible addition of educational facilities.

Set Program Goal

When asked when the board planned to have a park program in operation, a spokesman stated that a tentative date would be sometime in 1968. However, the group must have a complete plan ready to make a project request by May 1.

Members of the board will meet with State Director of Natural Resources John Mitchum, Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in Indianapolis to discuss the Prairie Creek Watershed. The Prairie Creek Watershed is to be similar to the Busserron site in Sullivan County, which is a one million dollar plus project.

The Prairie Creek site will contain a 250-acre lake. This was compared with the Isaac Walton lake, which covers 90 acres.

Another possible project is a watershed in the Otter Creek area, north of Seelyville. Should this area be developed, it would contain a lake covering from 800 to 1,000 acres.

In other matters discussed by the board, it was pointed out that the new director would establish temporary offices in the county agent's office. In June, he will move to more permanent quarters in the courthouse. The budget includes a salary for a secretary and one will be hired in the near future. Norris said he didn't expect any other office expansion until 1968.

It was pointed out at the close of the meeting that recreational facilities are very important and that such projects draw campers and vacationers from surrounding areas, a certain boost to the social economy of a community. Industries seeking to locate in a community very often inquire as to the recreational facilities available to employees.

Vigo Co. Recreation
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NEW DIRECTOR NAMED—Members of the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board announced the appointment Monday of Richard D. Norris as director of Vigo County parks and recreation. Pictured at the meeting held Monday in the Terre Haute House are: (left to right) Ruel (Fox) Burns, board member; Mrs. R. L. Winklepleck, secretary; John Zerr, ex-officio member; Richard Norris, new director; Jack Wood, board president, and Spoke Hazen, vice president.

Chuck Strausburg Photo.

Past Park Board Members Honored

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By JOE WAGNER
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Three past members of the Terre Haute Board of Park Commissioners were honored Thursday night at a dinner given by members of the present park board at the Phoenix Country Club.

Mayor Leland Larrison presented certificates of recognition to William L. White for 25 years' service to the park board. Theodore K. Moore received a certificate for 20 years' meritorious service and Robert Bennett was honored with a certificate for eight years' service.

Attending the meeting along with those honored and their wives, were Mayor and Mrs. Larrison, City Attorney George Tofaute and Mrs. Tofaute, and members of the present park board and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Levin, Mr. and Mrs. John Valle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Kester Enders. Park Supt. Howard Harbaugh and Mrs. Harbaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwartz also attended.

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Levin, president of the board, who assumed office Jan. 1, 1968, served with the three who

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were honored for a number of years. He said the retiring members offered assistance and cooperation to the new board anytime they were called upon.

The board president said, "The Terre Haute Park Department under the inspired leadership of Mayor Larrison is planning a progressive program for our city parks. Superintendent Howard Harbaugh and Asst. Supt. Fred Schwartz are working closely with the park board in creating a park system that will create pride for the citizens of Terre Haute."

Levine said John Valle has been appointed to oversee activities at Rea Park, while Mrs. Kester Enders was named to seek ways and means to beautify the park system. Frank Johnson, vice-president of the board will serve in advisory capacity for all new construction work done by the park board.

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Levin said work is now in progress to rebuild all ovens at Deming Park. A tremendous amount of brush has been cleared from the park and several dead trees have been removed, according to Levin.

New white litter barrels will be placed at central locations in the parks and the public is asked to cooperate in helping keep the parks clean.

Other park improvements are on the program, too.

The Spirit of Terre Haute group is donating a new train for use at Deming Park and the tracks are to be extended for greater coverage.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is planning a drive to contribute new playground equipment at Deming Park and a new building for storage and shop facilities is planned for construction there. The Old Fort Harrison building which has been used for this purpose will be freed and Mrs. Enders will seek help and advice on how to refurbish the building and make it a spot of tourism interest in the park.

The Izaac Walton League has donated materials for rebuilding the Izaac Walton shelter at Deming.

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Rea Park will have new tees and markers and the general condition of the golf course is to be kept under close watch.

New concrete tennis courts are being planned at Rea Park and at Collett Park. The old slide has been torn down at Collett Park and will be replaced with new playground equipment. Roads are to be resurfaced at Deming, Collett and

Larrison Appoints T.H. Parks Park Board Members

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By JOE WAGNER
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A new four-member Terre Haute Board of Park Commissioners was named Thursday by Mayor Leland Larrison, who also announced at the same time the fourth member of the Board of Aviation Commissioners and appointment of a new golf pro at the Rea Park golf course.

Appointed to the Park Board were Frank Johnson, John Valle, Mrs. Kester Enders and Sid Levin.

Harold Napier was named to Aviation Board and William Kipple was selected to fill the golf pro's job at Rea Park.

The Park Board will hold its first official meeting early in February.

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Johnson, who resides at 116 Barton Ave., is president of the Frank L. Johnson Development Co., and has been active in civic affairs for a number of years.

Mrs. Enders, who lives at 132 N. 36th St., has served as co-chairman of the Scented Garden Committee of Terre Haute and at present is secretary of the group. The Scented Garden Committee was formed several years ago by a group of citizens interested in beautifying Steeg Park, now renamed Gilbert Park, located on Wabash Avenue between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets.

She also is active in the Woman's Department Club and is a member of the Fair Garden Club, a group in charge of floral displays at the Vigo County Fair.

Valle is assistant principal at Gerstmeyer High School, where he has been on the staff for 32 years. He is a former dean of boys at the school and has been active in Babe Ruth League baseball activities in the city since formation of the league 18 years ago.

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He and his wife reside at 2321 N. 10th St. They have two children, a son who is a Rose Polytechnic Institute graduate, and a daughter who is a student at Indiana State University.

Levin is no newcomer to the board. His was the sole reappointment to the group. He has served two four-year terms with the board and was vice-president during the time William L. White was president. He is associated with the Corner Furniture Store. He and his wife live at 2901 College Ave.

Napier's appointment to the Board of Aviation Commissioners brings that group up to full membership. Earlier this week, the mayor named Cleon Lucas, Hugh D. McQuillan and Eston Perry to the board. Napier is owner of Canteen Service Co., 1631 S. 17th St., and is the father of John Napier, a city councilman who took office Jan. 1, following his victory on the Republican ticket last November.

The new golf pro at Rea Park has been active in Terre Haute golfing activities for more than 30 years. Kipple, who is employed by the Pittet Floral Co., is a Wiley High School graduate and a member of the Rea Mens Club and the Terre Haute Golf Association. He and his wife live at 2001 Barton Ave.

Larrison said Kipple and Gilbert Smith, who has been named greenskeeper at Rea Park, will meet Saturday with him and Howard Harbaugh, park superintendent, to sign contracts and work out plans for opening of the course.

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At noon Thursday, Mayor Larrison spoke to members of the Terre Haute Kiwanis Club at the weekly luncheon meeting and told of plans to improve and beautify city parks. He also spoke of improvements planned for Hulman Field. Larrison introduced a number of city officials who accompanied him to the meeting.

It was disclosed Thursday that Dr. Olis G. Jamison and Donald E. Smith, members of the Terre Haute Board of Sanitary Commissioners will resign effective Feb. 1.

Shortly after Larrison took office he requested resignations from the two men and both indicated they had no intention of serving the remainder of their terms, but wanted to hold up their resignations until an orderly transition of authority could be insured.

It was reported Smith, who was Larrison's opponent in the fall municipal election, and Jamison met with City Engineer John T. Byrne last Friday and plan to meet with his again next Monday.

Larrison is expected to name their successors in the near future.

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Park Board Re-Elects Sidney Levin President

Sidney Levin was re-elected president of the Terre Haute Board of Park Commissioners Tuesday. Also re-elected were Frank L. Johnson, vice-president and Mrs. Kester Enders, secretary.

John Valle is the fourth member of the board.

The board received and accepted a report from Howard Harbaugh, city park superintendent, listing activities of his department in 1968.

Vigo Co. RECREATION

VIGO COUNTY PARK Superintendent David Beres, seated, is looking over a comprehensive, countywide, community recreation plan recently completed by two Indiana State University students. Curtis L. Crittendon, center, and David L. Lawrence, compiled the material for the study during the past summer months. Crittendon is an employe of the county park department's maintenance program. Martin Photo.

Vigo Co Recreation

Miller Named County Park Board Chief

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Extension Agent Max Miller was elected president of the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board at the regular meeting of the group Wednesday at the courthouse.

Miller and the other new officers of the five-member board were chosen by acclamation as former vice president Fox Burns, who opened the meeting, expressed a desire to vacate his long-standing duties in the vice presidency.

Miller succeeds the late Jack R. Wood, who died last month. Both Miller and Burns spoke in tribute to Wood's abilities and dedication in public service, particularly with regard to his interest in and devotion to the development of the county park and recreation program.

John Etlinger was named vice president on nomination by Miller as Boyd Schepper moved that nominations be closed. Joe Tarrant became secretary as he and Burns were nominated and Burns withdrew his name.

The board heard reports on progress at Fowler Park, the development of which is expected to be complete by summer, and continuing plans for new recreation sites in conjunction with the Otter Creek and Prairie Creek watershed projects.

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County-City Park Depts. To Be Merged

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Parks & Recreation (Vigo Co.)

A single metropolitan park department will serve both Terre Haute and Vigo County, according to an exclusive report obtained by the Tribune this weekend.

Details of the unified recreation program intended "... to serve the total community ..." remain to be worked out among officials involved, but plans are already underway for a cooperative program looking toward "... the best possible use of existing facilities and expansion of services through state and federal funds not available to the separate departments."

Background information from officials of both city and county government, including some comments held in confidence until now, gives some shape to the structure that will develop in the months to come.

Mayor William J. Brighton and City Councilman Pete Chalos look for early attention by the city legislative body to local law providing for the Terre Haute Park Department. That attention, they advise, will take the form of a measure establishing the park system under "Indiana's Park and Recreation Law" of 1971 (or the 1965 Indiana Park and Recreation Law of which the 1971 law is an amendment) instead of under the 1921 law under which city parks now operate.

No immediate action by county officials is required, according to reports which note that the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department was established in 1965 under the state legislation then enacted.

Both city and county officials agree that the unification will not be realized overnight.

"It will take a long time," says City Park Supt. Pat Dougherty. And Dave Beres, superintendent of the county recreation department, adds, "We have to begin something right now in order to be ready to act next year."

The target for togetherness in the city-county park scene is 1973. Current discussions aim toward a unified budget proposal as well as informal coupling of existing facilities, dur-

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ing the coming summer months.

During an interview with a Tribune reporter several weeks ago, Mayor Brighton confided anticipation of the "... combination of county and city park systems into one single unit.

"Now, of course," he continued, "this is not a thing that we anticipate being able to accomplish tomorrow. It's going to take us a little time; it's going to take a little research in order to know how to put it together."

Declaring that metropolitan park systems are the right approach to modern needs for recreation, local officials report that they are not going to wait for the state to force the issue, as happened several years ago when separate city and county health boards were abolished in favor of a single county-wide authority.

The mayor expressed the concensus when he said, "We're going to take the lead in this," adding, "It's not only the right thing to do, it has to come. And it will come sooner or later, so we're going to move in that direction soon." He repeated reference to the time factor involved, reporting, "In the meantime, we'll work on a cooperative plan to eliminate duplication of effort and make the best use of the facilities of both (departments)."

One of the prime considerations moving the measure, aside from eliminating dpulication of effort and spreading the cost as well as the service locally, is the reported increase in availability of outside money under the metropolitan park plan. The mayor and other officials have pointed out that the new arrangement will go a long way toward qualifying local park and recreational programs for addede federal funds.

Mayor Brighton said he expected no obstacles in city activity toward the program, noting that it requires ratification by the City Council "... like any other ordinance."

Councilman Chalos said Saturday that the plan will lead to "... a metropolitan park program with all parks being used for the benefit of the total population." He went on to observe that some parks are being used by city and county residents alike, regardless of their location in the city or the county, and that official theory might as well match common practice.

This applies to taxation as well as the service involved and some adjustment is expected. However, officials advise that this consideration is in the area of details yet to be worked out. The general opinion is that some increase is expected in the county share of park and recreation taxation while some decrease in the city's share "... may be possible."

Vern Montgomery of the Coordinating Council recreation committee, in earlier discussion of the possibility of a metropolitan park system, offered the opinion that with the same amount of money currently being spent by the two departments, the city and county could do a better job together than separately, and, with federal funds, "... could be three times more effective ..."

Jim Peters, a park and recreation specialist at Indiana and Purdue universities, has been working with two southwestern Indiana counties looking into the possibilities of merging county and city park departments.

"The advantages are obvious," Peters says, stating, "There are too many duplications now in funding and spending. And the savings in personnel, equipment, supplies and vehicles should be sizeable."

Investigations have been underway in both Evansville-Vanderburgh County and Bloomington-Monroe County. Marion County's Unigov system automatically included combined park-recreation activities and Greensburg-Decatur County became the second Hoosier community to adopt the innovation, according to reports from officials and observers.

And the aim here, according to local officials, is "... a year-round, area wide park and recreation program."

Variety is the word for sleeves on spring's clothes. There are dolmans, batwings, butterfly effects, long and short puffs, extended shoulder looks, ruffles.

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Mayor Names Members of Park Board

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By JACK J. HUGHES

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Mayor William J. Brighton named the Terre Haute Board of Park Commissioners Thursday.

They are John J. Valle, the only holdover member from the board which served under former Mayor Leland Larrison. William R. Moliken, Kenneth Coy, and Lawrence V. "Dutch" Letzkus.

Letzkus, former chairman of the Vigo County Democrat Party, and his wife, Lena, live at 1923 S. 10th St. He is known for his long association with the Democrat party as well as for other civic pursuits and is employed by Haley Bros. Construction Company as general superintendent.

Moliken, 39, is assistant superintendent and production research engineer with Indiana Gas and Chemical and is a past president of the American Institute of Plant Engineers and of the Terre Haute Management Club. A resident of Terre Haute for the past 10 years, he is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University. He and his wife, Barbara, have four children and reside at 805 S. Center St.

Coy, a local businessman for 27 years, is married and has one daughter. He is a graduate of Garfield High School and is active in Masonic affairs and

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American Legion activities.

Valle retired in 1971 as principal of Gerstmeyer High School. He taught at Gerstmeyer from 1937, served as dean of boys, athletic business manager and was assistant principal under C. Kenneth Cottom, before being named principal in 1970.

He received his master's degree from Indiana State University and attended Carnegie Tech in Pennsylvania. He took an active part in the American Federation of Teachers from its beginning in Vigo County. In addition to his professional associations, Valle is an enthusiastic golfer and has devoted considerable time to the promotion of youth baseball programs in Terre Haute. He has worked with the Little League and Babe Ruth League programs and a baseball field in the northern part of the city is named in his honor. Valle and his wife live at 2321 N. 10th St. They have two children and three grandchildren.

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County Park Supt. Tells Of Need for More Funds

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Parks and Recreation (Vigo Co.)

By JAMES McHARGUE
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Vigo County Park and Recreation Department Director David Beres Wednesday expressed disappointment over the county council's failure to approve his department's request for additional personnel.

Beres wanted an additional maintenance man, a full time recreation center director and a naturalist. The council approved funds for the naturalist only, giving him the title of assistant director.

Beres explained his reasons for needing the extra help in the park department:

"We have the same number of maintenance men and other employees now as we had in 1967. Since then we have almost tripled the amount of acreage of our parks and developed them to a high degree.

"We need the recreation center director to run the Glenn Junior High School program which will begin when the county park department takes over the property from the Vigo County School Corp.

"The program at Glenn will have activities for pre-schoolers, teenagers, young adults and senior citizens. We'll have classes such as ceramics and slimnastics for young mothers, and while the mothers are in class the toddlers will be taken care of in a nursery where they can finger paint and other things.

"We'll also have programs such as fishing seminars and films, basketball leagues, two lighted baseball diamonds and in the winter we'll have skating and hockey."

Beres was visibly upset about the foreseeable problems at the Prairie Creek park:

"It will be physically impossible to take care of and develop the new Praire Creek park without the additional maintenance man. Without the manpower to kee pthe parks looking nice they will all become run down and shoddy in appearance.

"The people of the Prairie Creek area need the park. We plan on having lighted baseball diamonds and other facilities for their use.

"The council says they want a progressive county, but they're not willing to fund anything to help the county progress. The councilmen should go out and see what potential Vigo County has in it's parks."

Beres says that the county parks currently don't have enough picnic tables and spaces and people are turned away every weekend because there is no room. If they had more man power they could construct picnic sites.

The park director also points out that good parks attract industry:

"Counties with good park systems attract more industry because with the work week getting shorter and shorter people have more time to play. We are in a leisure time boom. Industry is locating in areas where their employees will have something to do while off work."

The county park department currently has seven areas it is responsible for, including Fowler Park, the Prairie Creek Park, Glenn, New Goshen Park, Hunts Nature Center, Deutsch Woods and the Flescher Memorial Woods.

Beres discussed the duties and responsibilities of his office:

"Our main duty is acquisition, maintenance and development of the county parks. We now have the acreage, but we can't maintain and develop all our parks until we get more personnel.

"The Area Planning Department made a study and came up with a master plan for our department, but the master plan calls for more money and more people, something we can't seem to get.

"Look at Sullivan County, just south of here. They made Lake Sullivan a county park and used county funds to develop it and now people come from all over the midwest to camp, ski, boat and swim there. The amount of money for businessmen it brings in is tremendous. If we had the funds and personnel we could get something like that going in Vigo County."

The Vigo County Council has seven members, J. Arthur Mann, president, and Everett Branam, Lawrence King, James Diehl, Gordon Geckeler, John Brentlinger and Donald Myers.

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Vigo Park Board Re-elects Miller

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Business at a lengthy Vigo County Park Board meeting Monday evening included re-election of cooperative extension agent Max Miller as president and a discussion of procedures to be followed in the selection of a new park superintendent.

It will be Miller's second year as board president. Elected as vice-president was Susan McCarthy, an investments counselor, while Everett Spence, a teacher at Honey Creek Junior High School, was elected secretary. Other members of the board are Boyd Schepper, R. Fox Burns and John Etling.

Etling, a teacher at Concannon Junior High School and president of the Wabash Valley Central Labor Council, was appointed to a four-year term Monday by Vigo Circuit Judge C. Joseph Anderson. Etling was appointed to the board in August 1972 to fulfill the unexpired term of Joseph Tarrant.

The discussion of selection was preceded by a motion by Spence to increase the salary of Acting Supt. Keith Ruble from the assistant's level to the superintendent's level. Ruble was assistant superintendent under David Beres, whose resignation was effective Monday.

Board member Burns, who seconded the motion, added that the board has a great deal of confidence in Ruble and "need not be in any great hurry to choose a new superintendent." His comments were seconded by McCarthy and Spence.

President Miller noted that Feb. 10 has been set as the deadline for receiving applications for the position which has been advertised in national park and recreation job listings. As of Monday, six applications had been received—from Green Bay, Wis., Woodstock, Ill., East Lansing, Mich., Rockville, Ind.,

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Bucks County, Pa., and Ruble.

The board agreed to review the applications individually prior to the February board meeting, unless more than 15 were received in which case, a personnel committee will be appointed to screen the applications.

At the February meeting, the board will narrow the list of candidates to those they wish to interview, indicating that a final selection may not be made until March.

The board also asked Harold Gentry, assistant professor of recreation at Indiana State University and director of the recreation department's field work program for seniors, his opinion of the type of superintendent the board should look for.

Gentry qualified his remarks by noting that he was the first county park superintendent to be appointed in Indiana, serving in that capacity for 13 years in St. Joseph County.

"Speaking as a member of the ISU recreation department, our concern is that the man you select be a well-qualified individual because we will be placing our students with this agency.

"I feel definitely that the individual should have a great deal of experience in parks and recreation. No only experience, but hopefully, the (academic) degree. I do feel the degree is most important . . . but I still consider p e o p l e professionals who do not have one, if they have been quite involved in state and national park conferences, and are up-to-date on all new trends."

Gentry said his department values the quality of the county agency because students receive professional, well-rounded experiences in maintenance, development, controlling and design of parks and recreation programs.

"Any department that is going to have good programs and do justice to the community needs a director with general knowledge of all these fields." Gentry said, adding that in his experience, departments who are headed by political appointees go downhill rapidly.

TH park superintendent spearheading improvements

Parks & Recreation (Vigo Co.)

Indiana Statesman 3-15-73

BY MIKE LONGEST
Statesman Staff Writer

Pat Dougherty, recently re-appointed Terre Haute superintendent of parks, is spearheading a drive to bring about major improvements in virtually every park in the cities system.

Dougherty was appointed superintendent after Mayor William J. Brighton took office. After the city council met last Thursday and passed an ordinance that officially created a park department and gave the power to appoint the park superintendent to the council, Dougherty was re-appointed to that office.

Since that time however, other laws governing park departments in cities of second class or higher have been adopted in Indianapolis, but no Terre Haute City Council has ever adopted an ordinance placing the park supervision under those laws.

Essentially, the bill, sponsored by Councilman Pete Chalos, creates by ordinance for the first time the city park department-a move which the park superintendent says is necessary to qualify Terre Haute for a sizable grant from the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (BOR).

In an interview with the Statesman, Dougherty said there was a freeze on all federal grants, but that Terre Haute has an excellent chance of being exempt from the freeze. He stated the reasons as two-fold. "First the department has set up good planning for the renovation of of existing parks; second, Terre Haute is at the top of the list in relation to its need for park improvements.

Study Applicants For Vigo Park And Recreation Chief

Parks & Recreation (Vigo Co)

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By LARRY GIBBS
Star Staff Writer

Although selection of a new Vigo County park superintendent may be several weeks away, two definite schools of thought as to who should get the job are developing in and around the courthouse.

The six-member county park and recreation board currently is sifting through more than 60 applications for the $10,400-a-year post.

On one side of the debate are those who favor hiring a so-called "professional" director, someone with a degree in park and recreation administration. Applications by individuals with such degrees have been submitted by several out-of-state residents.

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Another point of view is being offered by those who believe that a local person should get the job, assuming the individual's experience or academic background are sufficient. Hiring of a local person, it is contended, would greatly reduce the liklihood of the new director resigning at some future date to accept a similar position elsewhere.

A month ago, courthouse sources tabbed current Terre Haute City park director Patrick A. Daugherty as the frontrunner for the county post. In the wake of those rumors, however, clamoring by some groups for hiring of a "professional" person appears to have swung the pendulum away from Daugherty.

County commissioner Frank Kaperak told The Star this week he favors hiring of a qualified local person as county park superintendent. While he praised Daugherty for doing a good job with the city park system, Kaperak said he is not advocating a particular individual.

"I sincerely believe that the local aspect of selecting a new superintendent is much too important to be ignored," Kaperak explained. "The individual chosen will administer programs in Vigo County parks designed for use and enjoyment by Vigo County citizens.

"It is my definite belief," Kaperak continued, "that a local person would maintain a more intense interest in the county and would be far less likely to move on if another position offered a $500 raise. This kind of moving around often is encountered when so-called professionals are sought.

"Let me emphasize that I do believe the superintendent should be someone with the ability to serve competently in the office. I am certain, however, that we have local people who can do just that," Kaperak concluded.

Some local citizens groups are actively urging selection of a superintendent with professional training. Since the park and recreation department was founded in 1967, both directors have had master's degrees in their field.

The last superintendent, David V. Beres, resigned in January to accept a similar job in Bolingbrook, Ill. He had headed the department since 1969.

Vigo Circuit Judge C. Joseph Anderson has talked with park board members about the superintendent vacancy, but is taking a publicly impartial stance.

"I am confident the park board will make a wise selection," Judge Anderson said. "There are numerous applications and the process of evaluating each one and calling in people for personal interviews will take time.

Whatever their ultimate selection, I believe it is important to consider the progressive stage of our county park system," Judge Anderson continued. "I was among the delegation of county officials who toured the park facilities Feb. 2 and I was greatly impressed.

"Much has been accomplished in local park and recreation development but there is also a great deal of potential. The new superintendent, in my opinion, should be someone who can develop that potential," Anderson added.

Park board president Max Miller has indicated the board may take its time so that each application can be carefully considered under the direction of acting - superintendent Keith Huble.

City Parks Chief Spearheads Major Improvements Drive

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Parks and Recreation (V. 90 Co.)

EDITOR'S NOTE: After 14 months in office, Mayor William J. Brighton is in the process of evaluating accomplishments to date and laying plans for the future. This is the first in a series of reports on the Brighton administration, past and future, as seen through the eyes of the mayor's department heads.

By RICHARD EVANS
Star Staff Writer

"I don't think we have a single park that we should be satisfied with. There has been little of substance done in the city parks since the depression —with the exception of contributions from civic minded organizations."

Those sound like the words of a political candidate.

But they belong to Mayor William J. Brighton's park superintendent, Pat Dougherty. He is waging a campaign of sorts, but it has little to do with politics.

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During his first 14 months as head of the city parks, Dougherty has spearheaded a drive to bring about major improvements in virtually every park in the system, and many of those improvements show promise of becoming reality within the next few months.

The park department now has more than $1.7 million worth of projects in advanced planning stages. Those plans represent improvements in a number of small neighborhood parks, development of the downtown open spaces, major renovations of all the larger parks, and the contruction of at least one new recreational area.

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Dougherty hopes soon to have final approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (BOR) for grant applications that will provide half the funds for the anticipated $1.7 million expenditures.

Despite a freeze on many of the federal revenues administered by the two agencies, the park superintendent says officials of those two offices indicate the grants have better than average chances of being approved.

A half million dollars may come through within weeks if progress continues, he says, and attributes the favorable response to three major factors: Terre Haute's relatively depressed economy, the extreme need for improvements which have accrued over the past 40 or so years, and the existence of a comprehensive plan for long-range park development.

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At the same time, none of the funds needed to match the federal funds will come from local property taxpayers, according to Dougherty.

Some will come from private donations, and some will come from the cumulative building fund representing state cagarette taxes returned to the city.

According to Dougherty, the park department has suffered over the years from a malady that now grips every city department — lack of funds to make improvements. As a result, the parks department budget over the past 40 years has been barely adequate to provide maintenance.

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His annual report to the mayor, which lists the needs of each individual park, sounds a bit like a broken record:

"Boy Scout Park needs new playground equipment. Collett Park needs new playground equipment and major renovations in the pavillion.

"Deming Park needs major landscaping. Fairbanks Park needs major beautification and new playground equipment. Graham Park, the only real block park, needs new playground equipment. Hertz-Rose Park needs everything."

The list continues through more than a dozen major and minor recreation areas.

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With the exception of a number of projects supported by local non-governmental groups, there has been little or no playground equipment added to the parks since the 1930's according to the park superintendent.

"Kiddie Land" in Deming Park was provided by the local Jaycees; the train that operates in Deming during the summer by the Tavern Owners Association, and a ball park soon to be completed in Voorhees, by the Lions Club.

In addition, Dougherty says he has only one tractor for use by maintenance crews that is less than 25 years old, and a leaf picker used by his men in the parks broke down last summer and couldn't be repaired because there were no parts available for the relic.

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"The situation can only be rectified with good planning and foresight," he says, "and we do not want to stampede into moves that 40 years from now will seem to be spotty or regressive.

"There has been a master plan for both Vigo County and the city adopted and expanded by the park board and we have been commended by the state Department of Outdoor Recreation for the plan.

Still, planning is only half the need. Funds, like $1.7 million or more are also needed.

"For the city to bear the cost would be prohibitive, if not impossible," says Dougherty, "and we must find outside sources. Perhaps with some effort we can get a number of other community members—individuals, service clubs and local industries—to participate in this [illegible]."

Keith Ruble No Park Stranger

Community Affairs File

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By BARBARA BRUGNAUX
Tribune Staff Writer

William Keith Ruble, who was named superintendent of the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department Wednesday, is no stranger to the world of park administration and planning, the never-never land of endless forms and government grants, but he belongs to another world, an environment where dead trees are seen as homes for animals, where history can be traced in a field of grass and where preservation of nature is the number one priority.

Ruble (pronounced like the Russian currency) is a likable amalgation of the academic, the governmental and the scientific with a hefty spoonful of something that can only be described as "country boy."

W. KEITH RUBLE

And there is more than a touch of the country in him. Born in Aurora, Ind., the new park superintendent learned much of his naturalist lore as a boy before attending Indiana State University for a bachelor's degree in recreation and a master's degree in park and recreation administration.

In a sense, the 26-year-old Ruble grew up with his department, first working with a maintenance crew in 1968 when Fowler Park, the first county park project, was under construction. Later he served as department naturalist, research assistant, assistant superintendent and acting superintendent for the last two months.

Now the department, having completed a year of intense planning with the departure of former superintendent David Beres, is heading into a year of equally intense development, with program and renovation of the Glenn Recreation Center and the New Goshen Schoolhouse well underway and development of the Prairie Creek Park and Flescher Memorial Woods to be initiated this spring.

Priorities for the department are clearly outlined in the five-year master plan replies Ruble when asked which of the projects will be tackled first, but true to his chief concern, he can't resist adding, "except for some of the natural areas that face destruction. We can't afford to wait to finish other projects before looking for preservation of these areas, because by that time, they'll be dug up and ploughed under."

Ruble has two such areas in mind, a stand of trees in Prairie Creek Park that he intends to protect and a field of prairie grass in northern Vigo County which he feels serves as a reminder of the county as it was when pioneers first settled here.

A more immediate concern, however, is how the department will accomplish the work set out for this summer and Ruble didn't mince words in assessing the situation:

"Right now, we've got too many projects, and not enough personnel . . . and not enough money. We can't be working on the New Goshen Schoolhouse when the grass needs cut at Fowler Park."

Ruble says the department will be able to manage this summer but that an increase in maintenance men is a must for September's budget request.

Hand-in-hand with his budget projection is a realization of the need for a close working relationship with the Vigo County Council.

"I'm making a point of working with the county council so they can become involved with the park system," Ruble says. "When I meet with them in September, I want them to know not just what we need, but why we need it."

In an interview prior to his selection Wednesday, as he confessed to a mild case of butterflies in his stomach, Ruble said he felt his most important qualification for the $10,400 a year job is an ability to get along with people and his contacts with the various groups who work with the park department.

"If I don't know the answer, I usually know who to call," he commented.

And confidence in Ruble's ability to find those answers was shown by the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board Wednesday when it capped a three-month search for a new superintendent by finding what it was looking for, as it were, in the park department's own back yard.

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Assistant Park Supt. Selected

Parks and Recreation (Vigo Co.)

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Vigo County Park and Recreation Supt. W. Keith Ruble has announced the appointment of Chet Burkeybyle as assistant superintendent.

The opening became officially vacant last month when Ruble, who had served as assistant superintendent under former Supt. David V. Beres, was elevated to the top spot.

Burkeybyle, a resident of Prairie Creek, is a Vigo County native with a background in maintenance and equipment supervision, experience which gave him the edge over several other applicants, Ruble indicated.

The 43-year-old Burkeybyle worked at the former Midland Bakeries for 15 years where he became maintenance supervisor prior to resigning and going into

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CHET BURKEYBYLE

business for himself as an appraiser and liquidator.

An auctioneer also, known for his participation in the Optimists Club's annual Clothe-a-Child auction, Burkeybyle intends to pursue that hobby on weekends.

Burkeybyle sees his new job as that of an aid to Supt. Ruble in the areas of personnel, maintenance and purchasing, adding that he expects to be the park department's sounding board for taxpayers' ideas, too.

In line with that, the new assistant has been spearheading a door-to-door campaign in the Glenn area to encourage volunteer activity at the Glenn Recreation Center and to spread the word that the center is not maintained for children only.

In addition to his enthusiasm for the Glenn Center, Burkeybyle also expressed interest in the Prairie Creek Park, a 100-acre tract in the southern township which is due for development this summer.

The new assistant, a graduate of Garfield High School, is married and the father of two sons, Tony, 18, and Tod, 16. His memberships include the Scottish Rite, Valley of Terre Haute, Euclid Lodge, Zorah Shrine, Wabash Valley Sportmen's Club, the Noon Optimists, and 4-H Council.

Burkeybyle's appointment to the $8,000 a year position was effective April 1.

Community Affairs File

Verostko New Board Member

Mayor William J. Brighton announced Wednesday a new appointment to the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board.

Eugene A. Verostko, 1607 N. 25th St., was appointed to the four-member board by the mayor.

Lawrence Letzkus, 923 S. 10th St., resigned from his position on the board this week due to health reasons.

Verostko, employed at Wabash Fibre Box, has been the city golf champion several years.

In a meeting on the board Monday, Kenneth Coy, 500 N. 25th St., was re-elected as president of the group. L. Shuman Hunter, 131 N. 35th St., was renamed vice president and Lucile Enders, 132 N. 36th St., was re-elected as secretary.

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PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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SCHUMAN HUNTER APPOINTED TO CITY PARK BOARD

A politically balanced City Park and Recreation Board became a reality recently with the appointment of a Republican to fill a vacant position, according to Mayor William J. Brighton.

L. Schuman Hunter, 131 N 35th St., will finish the unexpired term of William Moliken who recently resigned. The term will end in 1977.

Hunter, who ran on the Republican ticket, ended a stint as city clerk Jan. 1, 1972. Lucille Enders is the other Republican board member. Her term expires in 1976.

Democrat members are Kenneth Coy, president, and Lawrence Letzkus, whose terms expire in 1975 and 1978 respectively.

The Park and Recreation Board only recently was designated to become bipartisan when it was discovered by the city council that federal funds would be available if such was done.

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Harlan to Serve On Park Board

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
Tribune Staff Writer

Burch Harlan, RR 21, was sworn in Monday as a member of the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board Monday by Circuit Court Judge C. Jeseph Anderson.

Harlan was appointed by Judge Anderson to serve a four-year term, beginning Jan 1. He replaces Everett Spence on the six-member body. Other members are Max Miller, county extension agent (ex-officio member; Fox Burns, John Etling, Bill Thompson, all appointed by the Circuit Court Judge, and Susan McCarthy, appointed by Terre Haute Mayor Williams J Brighton.

Harlan will attend his first official board meeting on Monday, Jan 26.

Judge Anderson, Park Superintendent Keith Ruble and assistant superintendent Chet Burkeybyle said they were all ver pleased that Harlan had accepted appointment to the board and that he'll be "quite an asset."

Harlan, who lives in Prairieton Township, is engaged in farming and related activities. He presently serves as secretary of the Prairie Creek-Vigo Conservancy District and president of the Vigo Area Plan Commission.

"I'm interested in promoting what's already been started by the County Park Department and I think we've made an awfully good start," Harlan said, adding that he'll have "to sit and listen" at first.

"I hope to make the people of Vigo County aware that Fowler and Prairie Creek parks are their parks, that they own them, and that they are not solely for the benefit of the County Park Department," Harlan commented.

His great grandfather settled here in 1816, when he was 16 years old, Harlan said. The tradition of farming continues in the family, as Burch and Wilma Harlan's son, Mars, who attended Purdue, is back assisting with the farm. A daughter, Peggy Skidmore, teaches in the North Central School Corporation.

Harlan's hobbies include hunting and traveling. On his "People to People" trips, he has visited Russia, Red China, Europe and South America.

He slides and travel talks following these journeys have been well received. He's looking forward to a camera safari through Africa next.

"I enjoy politics as a citizen, and I think more people should take an interest in it," he commented, adding quickly, however, that he has no plans to seek any elective office.

Harlan was one of the original members of the group seeking to establish a park at Prairie Creek.

NEW COUNTY PARK BOARD MEMBER — Burch Harlan has been appointed to the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board by Circuit Court Judge C. Joseph Anderson for a four-year term beginning Jan. 1. Judge Anderson administered the oath to Harlan Monday. A resident of Prairieton Township, Harlan is engaged in farming and related activities and presently serves as secretary of the Prairie Creek-Vigo Conservancy District. House of Photography Photo.

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Parks and Recreation (Vigo Co)

Hanley named recreation chief

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By PAT BARNES
Tribune Staff Writer

A new recreation director and assistant recreation director have been named for the Terre Haute Park Department.

Richard Hanley, assistant recreation director for the past two years has been named recreation director. He replaces Michael Reyher who resigned to accept a position with a local company.

Named to fill Hanley's spot was James Pickering.

Both appointments were announced by Park Superintendent Patrick Daugherty.

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Pickering recently received his degree in recreation from ISU. He is also a native of Terre Haute, married and the father of one child. He served his internship last summer with the park department.

Hanley and Pickering are currently interviewing persons to work in the summer recreation program at five city parks. The program includes swimming at the three pools, tennis, baseball, softball and activities at the nature center at Dobbs Park.

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Parks & Recreation
(Vigo Co.)

City park head named

The man who is to be city park superintendent under mayor-elect Pete Chalos was at City Hall Wednesday familiarizing himself with the local park department.

Pat Ralston, 31, has been selected to be superintendent of the city Park and Recreation Department. He has a master's degree in parks and recreation from Indiana State University.

For the past seven years, Ralston has been with the Division of State Parks in the state Department of Natural Resources. He has been supervisor of nine state parks in the division's southern district.

"We're going to upgrade what we've got," Ralston said of his priorities for the local park department. No major expansion is planned "in the forseeable future," he added.

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Vigo Co. Recreation

JUDGE MESSICK NAMES 2 TO BOARD

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Two appointments to the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board were announced Tuesday by Judge Paul M. Messick.

Joseph Tarrant, 112 McKinley Blvd., president of Tarrant Tile Co., was appointed to the board to serve the unexpired term of Jack Wood, who died earlier this month. Tarrant will serve until Dec. 13, 1971.

Boyd T. Schepper, RR 25, head of the social studies department at Gerstmeyer High School, was appointed to a full term of four years on the board. His term will expire Dec. 13, 1974. He replaces Mrs. R. L. Winkelpleck.

Terre Haute, Ind.
Recreational program

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History and Purpose of Terre Haute Recreational Program

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THE federal government under the subsidiary of the Works Projects Administration has operated an emergency leisure time recreational program in Terre Haute and Vigo county for the past five years for the purpose of furnishing clean, wholesome, charitable, leisure time recreational activities and community centers absolutely free of any charge, under skilled leadership, in pleasing environment, in the following phases of activities: Arts and crafts, music, dramas, physical activities, social activities and dancing, special activities and game rooms. These activities are definitely not for any special group of people but for every man, woman and child in the city or county just so long as they stay within the boundaries of the rules and regulations governing the activity.

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(This statement is very important due to the fact that we have received so many criticisms in this form of a statement.) People wonder why, we as an emergency recreation project, sponsor boxing shows, dances, talent shows and other forms of entertainment and charge an admission price for them since the government is paying for the operation of the project. Also, such statements as someone on the Recreation Board and on the project is getting rich personally from the forms of entertainment that the board sponsors for an admission charge. These statements originate from people who think that the government is paying for the full operation of the project. Such statements as these are gross mistakes and do a great injustice to the members of our local recreation board. The following statements of facts are presented to correct those misled ideas, opinions and statements.

Local Sponsors.

1—Before any emergency project can be drawn up and put into effect the responsibility of being a sponsor or co-sponsor of the project and along with this responsibility goes the obligation of furnishing 25 per cent (minimum) of the entire cost of the project to the government which is termed sponsors contribution. This sum of money must be incorporated into the project as materials, equipment and facilities for the continuation of the project. This statement alone should prove that the government does not pay all of the bills of the project.

2—In applying this regulation to the local Terre Haute and Vigo county recreation project the following procedure is in operation:

(a) The co-sponsors of this project is named the Terre Haute Recreation Advisory Board. This board is composed of 10 non-political, non-partisan, and non-paid members of various professions and walks of life here in our city of Terre Haute. The members of this board are selected and invited to serve, by a membership caucus once each year. The members of this board are selected in their character, activeness in civic and community functions and knowledge of this field of work. The officers of this board are: chairman, vice chairman, secretary, financial secretary and treasurer, with active standing committees on community centers and facilities, program planning, boys work, girls work, arrangements, membership and finance. The board as a whole meets regularly the first Wednesday of each month with standing committees meeting concurrenly throughout the month.

(b) The duties of this board are:

1—To make plans and arrangements for the furnishing of the 25 per cent of project payroll for their co-sponsors contribution.

2—To help in program planning.

3—To secure property, buildings, materials and equipment needed for project operation and expansion.

4—To handle and account for all affairs of financial nature for the project.

5—To advise the nature of project activities and to represent the feeling of the many communities in the

(c) It should be known to everyone that in Terre Haute and Vigo county this project under the guidance of the board is operating 11 full time recreation centers and 27 part time community centers. While the greater portion of these buildings are leased to the board on a non-rent proposition there are five of them where a monthly rental fee is paid. Due to excellent community co-operation the board does not pay utility bills on the 27 part time centers; however, there are monthly light bills to be paid on all 11 full time centers. A monthly phone bill on one of them, a monthly gas bill on one of them, monthly water bills on six of them and the expenses of heating all of them. One should also consider that the rehabilitation and repair bill on these 11 full time centers is no small item. Anyone would realize that a $50 allotment to each building for repairs over a years time would have to be spread out very thin. Taking into consideration that this project contacts on the average of 10,000 men, women, boys and girls each month, in a manner of supervision of the elementary arts and skills in our craft division alone, one could readily see that several dollars must be spent annually just for the making of new patterns, buying tools and materials for this group. Craft work is, however, only one-sixth of our program and by no means the largest part in reference to participation. Physical activities for instance, contact on the average of 16,000 men, women, boys and girls monthly. When one considers that a very mediocre basketball or football costs $8 each and such a small item as a ping pong ball costs eight cents each it can be easily understood that many dollars are spent each year in this field of activity.

Board Serves Free.

(d) All these items of expense mentioned must come through the work of this 10-member board, who as I have mentioned before do not receive a penny for their services but who all work very hard in unity and give their services for the betterment of humanity and helping to provide places for the thousands of

it can never be said that the responsibility and obligation of a recreation advisory board is just a name office in the community.

(e) In 1938 some $3,100 odd dollars was raised and spent by the recreation board to maintain a continuity of recreational ativities. Due to the expansion of program and addition of activities in 1939 the amount that had to be raised exceeded that of 1938 by hundreds of dollars. In knowing and understanding these facts concerning the operation of this program the general public should feel that whenever they attend a recreational function where there is an admission charge made they are not only assured of receiving their full measure of good clean amusement and entertainment therein, but that every penny they pay for admission goes to maintain the local community sponsorship of a program that is built of the quality to service thousands of people. This statement is backed by the open records and books of the financial officers of the board.

(f) In order to supplement the work of the Terre Haute board a county town board, a community board or a neighborhood board is organized around each community center. At the present time there are in Terre Haute and Vigo county 56 lay, non-partisan people who are serving (free) on supplementary recreational boards.

Signed: Rev. O. C. Starn, chairman of Terre Haute recreation board; R. E. Lammers, treasurer; Emma Klatte, financial secretary; B. Rockstroh, recording secretary; Jane Sheakleford; Dr. Reiss, Neil Hines, Judge E. Mann, Mary Hollis, Frank Elder.

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Reyer Named To Recreation City Post

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Parks and Recreation

The city's Department of Parks and Recreation announced Friday the appointment, effective immediately, of Mike Reyer, 22, 3100 Phylbeck Blvd., to the position of director of recreation.

Reyer is a 1973 graduate of Indiana State University in recreation and he was program director for the Terre Haute Boys Club prior to accepting the new position with the Park and Recreation Department.

Previously, the recreation director served in a part-time capacity during the summer months only, but Park Supt. Pat Dougherty said the creation of a full-time position represents an effort to improve and expand the recreation programs provided by the parks for Terre Haute residents.

"The city has long needed a full-time recreation staff to coordinate activities throughout the year," said Dougherty. "Too long have the park's recreation programs been haphazardly put together in the spring with little planning for long range program development."

The park superintendent said the department hopes to expand winter recreation programs during the 1974-75 season, and he indicated appointment of the new director coincides with the city's master plan for staged improvements in the local recreation facilities.

"I am pleased to accept this opportunity," said Reyer, "and I view it as a real challenge to have a hand in planning and developing the city's first really comprehensive recreation program."

In addition to his school and work experience at the Boys Club, Reyer supervised the city's summer baseball program at Spencer F. Ball Park in 1973, and he served as an assistant to Coach Howard Sharp who directed the same program from 1969-71. Last year he was employed during the summer by the Decatur, Ill., Park District.

Reyer is a lifelong resident of Terre Haute and a graduate of the former Gerstmeyer High School.

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By LARRY GIBBS
Star Staff Writer

City park director Patrick A. Daugherty apparently is the frontrunner among candidates being considered for the position of Vigo County park superintendent, informed local government sources have told The Star.

The job was vacated by the resignation of David V. Beres, which became effective Monday.

Sources in the courthouse and at City Hall said Daugherty at the present time is the prime contender for the $10,400-a-year county post.

Speculation centering around Daugherty is strictly unofficial, with no announcement of a superintendent expected for at least four weeks.

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The local government rumor mill also is speculating that Democrat William Roach will be named to replace Daugherty as city park superintendent if the latter is named county park director.

Roach, a former instructor at Indiana State University, lost a bid against Vigo County Clerk Leland Larrison in the November 7 general election. Employed as a local contractor, Roach is involved in remodeling projects now underway at the courthouse and City Hall.

Daugherty, 1441 N. 9th St., was appointed to the city park post by Mayor William J. Brighton, who took office Jan. 1, 1972. The park superintendent previously was employed in the Harrison Township Assessor's office.

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Max Miller, president of the county Park and Recreation Board, told The Star last week that a new superintendent will not be named until the middle of next month. Deadline for applications for the job is February 10.

Assistant county park superintendent Keith Ruble has been serving as acting director in the wake of Beres' resignation. Beres, who had headed he department since 1969, announced his impending resignation last December 1. He has assumed a similar position in Bolingbrook, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

Serving with Miller on the county park board are Fox Burns, Boyd Schepper, Bud Spence, Susan McCarthy and John Etling

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Park Board To Pick Chief Wednesday

Parks & Recreation

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The Vigo County Park and Recreation Board will select a new county park superintendent during its regular meeting Wednesday, March 21.

The 4:30 p.m. session will be conducted in the American Red Cross Building, 700 S. 3rd St.

According to Board President Max Miller, the six-member group is nearing completion of interviews for the $10,400-a-year post with about 25 applicants reportedly still under consideration, although acting superintendent Keith Ruble is believed to be the primary contender at this point.

However, Miller stressed that selection of the new director will be based on individual qualifications, training and experience.

Board members, in addition to Miller, include Susan McCarthy, Boyd Schepper, John Etling, Everett Spence and R. Fox Burns Sr.

Board

Mayor Names Palmer to Park Post

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Mayor William J. Brighton Wednesday announced the appointment of John W. Palmer, 2020 Margaret Ave., as the new director of maintenance for the Terre Haute Park Department.

Brighton also announced the resignation of Helen Corey as head of the Sewage Disposal collection office. No replacement to Miss Corey was announced by the mayor.

Previously, Palmer served as the bailiff for Vigo Circuit Court Judge C. Joseph Anderson.

In his new position, Palmer will serve in the capacity as an assistant to Park Superintendent Patrick Dougherty.

In making the announcement, Mayor Brighton said Palmer succeeds Charles Rodie as director of maintenance. The resignation of Rodie and the appointment of Palmer, according to the mayor, was effective immediately.

Judge Anderson confirmed that Peggy Cooper had been named to replace Palmer as the court bailiff.

Miss Cooper is the daughter of Harrison Township Justice of the Peace Frances Cooper.

Miss Cooper to the best of his knowledge is the first woman in Vigo County history to serve as the circuit court bailiff.

Palmer has been an active worker in the Democratic party for several years and has served as a precinct committeeman for about 10 years. He was named bailiff of the court when Anderson assumed the judgeship in 1970. Prior to that time, Palmer worked as an investigator in the Harrison Township Trustee's office.

Palmer and his wife, Flossie have one daughter, Georgia.

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Vigo park officials will attend council hearing on budget

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
Tribune Staff Writer

Several members of the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board plan to attend the County Council's hearing next Wednesday on the park department's 1980 budget.

The board earlier approved a 1980 budget of $239,839, of which $219,871 is to be raised by local tax levy.

Included are requested salary increases of $1,000 each for the superintendent, assistant superintendent, secretary and three three other full time employees.

Park board members discussed the upcoming budget hearing briefly during an hour and a half long session Monday afternoon at the American Red Cross building.

Plans were outlined for the annual Pioneer Days Festival at Fowler Park Oct. 5 and 6. Park Superintendent Keith Ruble received board approval to charge $5 (instead of $3) for each table space for the flea market.

Board members also learned that the Hovercraft Rally, scheduled for Fowler Park the weekend following Pioneer Days, would not be held, due to the lack of insurance coverage by the sponsoring organization.

Swimming facilities at Prairie Creek and Fowler Parks were also discussed. Ruble was directed to obtain estimates for a "tot lot" planned for Fowler, which which expand the swimming area. The cost is estimated at about $4,000, Ruble said.

The superintendent also reported that he had purchased some recreation equipment (for volley ball and tether ball) that can be put up quickly near park shelters. This would be available to persons renting the various shelters at no additional charge, he said.

Ruble also reported results of an informal survey of attitudes of people who live near the county parks. Most were "glad the park was there," Ruble said.

Board President Max G. Miller said he had received two complaints that the county park department was charging admission to the Green Valley State Recreation Area. Not so, he noted — that facility is operated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The idea of a park in northern Vigo County is apparently "dead." The park department has been stymied in its attempts to acquire property in that area over the past several years.

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Chalos affirms 2-week suspension

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By Joe Baker
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

A meeting that Ray L. Goddard walked into earlier this week was of no concern to him, Mayor P. Pete Chalos said Thursday.

Goddard's action drew a two-week suspension without pay and demotion from golf director to city golf pro through March 1.

Chalos said Goddard walked in when he was meeting at City Hall with Douglas Grim, Eston "Bud" Perry and Fred Rubey, members of a Hulman Links Clubhouse Development Committee who helped raise $375,000 for the project.

"We had invited them for the meeting and I didn't think we needed anybody else in the meeting," Chalos said. "I know Mr. Goddard has done a good job for us at the golf course, but this was a decision on the clubhouse."

Goddard had been a member of the clubhouse committee along with Grim, Perry, Rubey and City Parks Superintendent Pat Ralston.

Chalos said Goddard at first refused to leave when he asked him.

"We had asked him to come back later in the day rather than come back at that particular meeting," Chalos said. "He insisted on being in on the meeting."

Goddard's action was tantamount to insubordination and his attitude was unreasonable, said Ralston, who issued the suspension. He said he was unsure what point Goddard intended to make at the meeting.

Goddard said earlier he intended to discuss his suspension with Chalos, whom Goddard contended had hired him. Chalos gave no indication Thursday that Goddard had attempted to speak with him.

Ralston said Goddard had been hired by him and that Goddard would have to answer to the city park board, headed by Kenneth Coy, on addressing issues surrounding the suspension.

Goddard was unavailable for comment.

"We have confidence in them [city employees], but we don't always let them participate in everything that goes on in the city that doesn't concern them," Chalos said.

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GODDARD, RAY
GOLF DIRECTOR

Goddard quits post as city's golf director

Ray Goddard, Terre Haute golf director since 1980, submitted his resignation — effective Jan. 8 — during a recent park board meeting.

Goddard, 44, said he had informed Mayor P. Pete Chalos this summer.

His contract was effective through the 1985 golf season. "I elected not to finish it out," Goddard said Thursday night.

As part of his contract, he has also served as golf pro at Rea Park.

Goddard said he is not sure if he will stay in Terre Haute. He said he does have a few job opportunities.

He declined comment on the reason for his resignation.

Pat Ralston, city parks superintendent, could not be reached for comment late Thursday.

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